

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BOGOTA 08059 101738Z

60

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 NSC-07 NSCE-00 L-02 CIAE-00

INR-11 NSAE-00 RSC-01 IO-03 DRC-01 /050 W

----- 090426

R 101703Z SEP 74

FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4714

C O N F I D E N T I A L BOGOTA 8059

LIMDIS

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR OAS CO

SUBJ: OAS SECGEN ELECTIONS

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ SEPT 9, HE ASKED OUR VIEWS ON OAS SEC GEN ELECTIONS. I EXPRESSED OUR POSITION PER STATE 121770. LOPEZ SAID THAT INTERNATIONAL "GOSSIVAZ HAD IT THAT FONMIN FACIO WAS BEHIND DOMINICAN CANDIDACY AS MEANS OF HALTING SAPENA PASTOR AND DEADLOCKING ELECTION, WHEREUPON FACIO MIGHT BECOME THE SAVING CANDIDATE.

2. LOPEZ EVIDENCED LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR EITHER PARAGUAYAN OR DOMINICAN CANDIDATE (OR FOR FACIO FOR THAT MATTER) AND SEEMED TO BE CASTING AROUND FOR ALTERNATIVES. HE OBSERVED THAT IT WAS STRANGE THAT MEXICO NEVER ASPIRED TO THE OAS SLOT. I ASKED HIM IF COLOMBIA HAD A CANDIDATE. HE SAID THAT COLOMBIA HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN THE PRESIDENCY OF THE IDB, BUT WOULD HAVE TO THINK OF WHETHER THE BANK OR THE OAS WOULD BE THE BETTER. THERE WERE NO OFFICIAL CANDIDATES, AND HE WAS NOT SURE HE WISHED TO HAVE COLOMBIAN EMBASSIES LOBBY FOR A GIVEN CANDIDATE, BUT A FIGURE MIGHT APPEAR OR BE PROPOSED WHOSE OWN PRESTIGE MIGHT CARRY DAY. HE NOTED THAT CARLOS LLERAS AND MISAEL PASTRANA HAD BEEN MENTIONED FOR THE BANK POSITION.

3. I SAID THAT WE WOULD OF COURSE LIKE TO KEEP IN CONSULTATION WITH MEMBER STATES, AND PERHAPS OTHER CANDIDATES WOULD APPEAR.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BOGOTA 08059 101738Z

4. COMMENT. LOPEZ SEEMS TO BE TOYING WITH THE IDEA OF PUSHING SOME COLOMBIAN IN THE RING IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY OTHER CANDIDATES, BUT HE WAS NOT AS CLEARLY LAUNCHING A TRIAL BALLOON AS THE FORE-GOING ACCOUNT MIGHT INDICATE. THE TONE OF OUR CONVERSATION WAS REALLY ONE OF MUSING, AND MY SENSE OF HIS MOOD WAS ONE OF GENUINE PERPLEXITY. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE THOUGHT OF CARLOS LLERAS MIGHT APPEAL TO HIM SINCE IT WOULD GET LLERAS OUT OF THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCENE. LLERAS WOULD BE, IN MY PERSONAL VIEW, A FIRST-RATE CANDIDATE AND SECGEN. I WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPT'S COMMENTS AND ITS LATEST ASSESSMENT AND VIEWS ON SECGEN ELECTIONS.
VAKY

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SECRETARY GENERAL, PRESIDENT, REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS, ELECTION CANDIDATES, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 SEP 1974
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: kelleyw0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974BOGOTA08059
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740252-0178
From: BOGOTA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740961/aaaabzmu.tel
Line Count: 72
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: kelleyw0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 SEP 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11 SEP 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <03 MAR 2003 by kelleyw0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: OAS SEC GEN ELECTIONS
TAGS: PFOR, CO, OAS, (FACIO), (LOPEZ), (PASTOR, SAPENA)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005